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## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that as from this date MR. GREASY EVANS, formerly of the Firm of Messrs. EVANS & REEVE, and that the Underwritten MR. JOSEPH FREDERICK REEVE will as from this date continue and carry on the Road Central, in his own name and on his own account. All DEBTS Due to the Partnership should be Paid, and all CLAIMS against the Partnership should be sent in to the Underwritten.

Dated, Hongkong, June 20th, 1893.  
J. F. REEVE,  
Soleitor,  
62, Queen's Road Central.

### NOTICE

MR. SIMON ABRAHAM LEVY has been Admitted a PARTNER in our Firm in HONGKONG and SHANGHAI, from 1st January, 1893.  
E. D. SASSOON & Co.  
Hongkong, June 16, 1893.

## Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.  
Authorized Capital, £1,000,000.  
Subscribed Capital, £500,000.  
HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Directors: D. GRAYES, Esq., H. SCOTTERFORD, Esq., CHAN KUI SHAN, Esq., Kwan Hoi CHUAN, Esq., Geo. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Esq.  
Branches: LONDON, YOKOHAMA, SHANGHAI AND AMOY.  
The Commercial Bank of Scotland, PARK'S BANKING COY. AND THE ALLIANCE BANK (Ld.).

Interest for 12 months Fixed 5%  
do. 6 do. do. 4%  
do. 3 do. do. 3%  
Current Accounts 2%  
Hongkong, May 24, 1893.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.  
Subscribed Capital, £2,000,000.  
Capital called up, £251,094.15.0.

Board of Directors: W. KESWICK, Esq., Chairman, Adolf von Andre, Esq., F. D. SASSOON, Esq., Egbert Iveson, Esq., H. D. Stewart, Esq., David McLean, Esq.  
Hongkong Committee: The Hon'ble J. J. KESWICK, The Hon'ble C. P. CHATER, H. HORTON, Esq.  
Head Office: 3, PRINCES STREET, LONDON.  
Branches: BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG & SHANGHAI.  
Agents: PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST.  
Allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits, can be ascertained on application.  
CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.  
Manager: HONGKONG, April 10, 1893.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.  
The business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3% PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 5 PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

HONGKONG, May 15, 1893.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.  
HONGKONG BRANCH.  
Interest Allowed:  
5% on Fixed Deposits for 12 months.  
4% " " " " 6 " "  
3% " " " " 3 " "  
2% " " " " Current Account daily balances.  
T. H. WHITEHEAD,  
Manager.

HONGKONG, May 15, 1893.

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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.  
PAID-UP CAPITAL, £10,000,000.  
RESERVE FUND, £3,000,000.  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF, £10,000,000.  
PROFITABLE.

COURT OF DIRECTORS:—  
H. HORTON, Esq., Chairman.  
C. J. HOLLIDAY, Esq., Deputy Chairman.  
Carl Jackson, Esq., J. S. Laprak, Esq.,  
H. H. Joseph, Esq., A. McCosmo, Esq.,  
Hon. J. J. Keewick, Esq., J. S. Moss, Esq.,  
Julius Kramer, Esq., D. R. Sassoon, Esq.

Chief Manager: Hongkong—T. JACKSON, Esq.  
Manager: Shanghai—J. P. WARD GARDNER, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING CO., LTD.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
On Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 " "  
" 12 " 5 " "

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, May 25, 1893.

THE MERCHANTS BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.  
LATE CHARTERED MERCHANTS BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.  
AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, £1,500,000.  
Subscribed, £1,125,000.

Bankers.  
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.  
Interest allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—  
For 12 Months, 5%  
For 6 Months, 4%  
For 3 Months, 3%  
JOHN THURBURN,  
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 4, 1893.

Intimations.

NOTICE.  
WE the Undersigned, Passengers on board of the P. & O. S. N. Co. ship, "The Hind," beg to THANK Most Sincerely, Mr. JUAN E. TABOADA, Master, for his kind treatment during the passage from Calicut, Para, to the Port of Hongkong, and take pleasure in recommending Vessels of this Company, as well deserving the patronage of any of our countrymen, travelling between China and Para.

Signed on board of the ship on the Twenty-sixth day of May, 1893.  
IP LI HAI KWAI,  
QUOC CHAN,  
CHAY FANG,  
DGO ALLEN,  
JOSE ANTONIO.

Hongkong, June 17, 1893.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.  
'A BREATH OF FRESH AIR.'  
SHORT TRIPS TO JAPAN.  
14 DAYS AT SEA.

DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS TRIPS TO KOREA AND RETURN can be made as follows:—  
Leave Hong Kong for Yokohama, Kobe, and Osaka, 11 July.  
Leave Yokohama, Kobe, and Osaka for Hong Kong, 18 July.  
Leave Hong Kong for Yokohama, Kobe, and Osaka, 25 July.  
Leave Yokohama, Kobe, and Osaka for Hong Kong, 1 August.  
Leave Hong Kong for Yokohama, Kobe, and Osaka, 8 August.  
Leave Yokohama, Kobe, and Osaka for Hong Kong, 15 August.  
Steamers are timed to reach Kobe 6 P.M., connecting Steamer leaving about 3 hours later.

SINGLE FARE, \$50.00.  
RETURN TICKETS, \$75.00.  
D. E. BROWN,  
General Agent.

Hongkong, June 14, 1893.

WINDSOR HOTEL,  
(in Connaught Building),  
QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG.

THE Private Hotel heretofore carried on in WINDSOR HOUSE has now been removed to CONNAUGHT HOUSE.  
Cuisine under European management.  
Each Bed-room has its own Bath-room.  
Hot and Cold water. Passenger Elevator to all Floors.  
Charges from \$2 per day upwards.  
Special Rates for Families or Permanent Boarders. Offices and Rooms to let unfurnished, and Rooms with or without Board, by day or month. Apply at the Office, No. 37, 3rd Floor.  
Hongkong, August 28, 1892.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.  
NOTICE.  
AFTER this date NO FULLY PAID-UP SHARES of this Company will be transferred on which the Calls on the NEW SHARES standing in the same Name, remain unpaid.  
By Order, R. LYALL,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, April 10, 1893.

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PREPARED BY  
SWEET SCENTS  
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WINE AND SPIRITS of the Best Brands only. HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOFS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above. Night Porters and Waitresses are continually on duty.

E. TUCKER, Manager.  
Hongkong, October 21, 1892.

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PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY

WILL dispatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATES named:—  
FOR. STEAMSHIP. DATE. REMARKS.

LONDON, &c. ... Noon, 22nd June ... See Special Advertisement.

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For further Particulars, apply to  
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, June 21, 1893.

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1893. 1894.  
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## The China Mail

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 1893.

It may perhaps afford some little satisfaction to the tax-payers of the colony to find that there is a prospect of a reduction being made in the extravagant outlay which has been required for some time in connection with the Gap Rock telegraphic service. At last meeting of the Legislative Council Mr. Whitehead moved for the appointment of a commission to investigate and report on the working of the Gap Rock lighthouse, the telegraphic communication therewith, and generally on the methods of reporting and signalling the arrival of steamers in the colony. The fact is now sufficiently evident that the Gap Rock telegraphic service is an utter failure. That is quite in accordance with a prediction which was considered it perfectly safe to make some time ago. As we pointed out at the time, a most egregious blunder was made when the present arrangements for reporting the arrival of vessels from Gap Rock were sanctioned. An entirely needless outlay of considerable magnitude was incurred in the erection of quarters on the Rock for the accommodation of a special staff of telegraphists, who were understood to be required in order that the enormous task of despatching, on an average, five very short and very simple telegraphic messages per day might be satisfactorily accomplished. The cost of the staff, it must be admitted, was enormous; in fact it was a remarkably cheap telegraphic staff, but in the complaint made by Mr. Whitehead with regard to so many unexplained interruptions in the telegraph line, there seems to us to lurk a suggestion that as a telegraphic staff it is somewhat too cheap. This entirely coincides with the opinion which we have repeatedly expressed on the subject. Mr. Whitehead, speaking as the representative of the Chamber of Commerce, now expresses the opinion that the lighthouse-keepers at Gap Rock ought to be allowed to telegraph the arrival of vessels. This is exactly the same opinion as that which we expressed when the signalling scheme was being discussed. But the report of the scheme which was drawn up by the Harbour Master and the late Captain Superintendent of Police (Major-General Gordon) instead of the appointment of a telegraphic staff. It was a surprise to us that this absurd recommendation was approved, and we must confess that it is more than ever surprising to us now. The Governor, in his reply to Mr. Whitehead according to the Hon. Member's very reasonable request, said: "From the first I was of opinion that the lighthouse-keepers might undertake the duty of telegraphing the arrival of steamers." But I was informed that their duties were too heavy for them to undertake that additional duty. I was not convinced of that then and I may say I am not convinced of it now. By way of comment on this statement we need only say that a great pity His Excellency sanctioned an expenditure of the necessity for which he was not convinced. It is all the greater a pity inasmuch as the colony can ill afford to indulge in any needless expenditure, and also, it may be added, inasmuch as His Excellency could very easily have satisfied himself that the expenditure was absolutely unnecessary. It does not seem to have occurred to the two officials who drew up the telegraphing and signalling scheme to inquire of the lighthouse-keepers themselves whether they could undertake the light and simple duties which the telegraphic staff seems incapable of performing. As a matter of fact, there need never have been the slightest doubt, from the very first, that the lighthouse-keepers could easily undertake this work, not that there is anything in a month to their present somewhat meagre salaries. If they are allowed to undertake the work now, the colony will have the satisfaction of knowing that it will be done at a smaller cost than heretofore and also that it will be much better done.

## TELEGRAMS.

(Supplied to THE CHINA MAIL.)

(Via Southern Line.)

## PHENOMENAL WEATHER IN ENGLAND.

Great distress prevails in the country districts in England owing to the death of water and mill. The heat is described as being intense.

## FRANCE DEMANDS REPARATION.

The French Consul at Bangkok has demanded reparation for the massacre of a French Officer at Kam-Kie.

(The French officer whose murder by the Siamese mandarin of Cam-Kie, is here referred to, was Louis de Grosbois. This mandarin, it appears, having given up his post and surrendered himself to the officer in charge of one of the French expeditions to the Mekong, was being conducted to the Mekong by an escort in charge of Inspector Grosbois. At Kam-Kie M. Grosbois having been attacked by various tribes, the treacherous mandarin took advantage of the situation to seek safety for a band of 200 Siamese or Luchais, who were shooting M. Grosbois, who was lying helpless in bed. The Corbier's dispatch states that 17 Siamese and a Cambodian interpreter were killed, only three of the escort, it seems, having succeeded in escaping.—Ed. C.M.)

## REICHSTAG ELECTIONS.

Two hundred and thirteen candidates have been elected, and one hundred and eighty-four returned on the second ballot. Every vote depends upon the result of the

## MEMORANDUM FOR TO-MORROW'S SHIPPING.

Daylight.—Telmachus leaves for Shanghai.  
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.  
Noon.—Ningchow leaves for London.  
Noon.—Malacca leaves for Shanghai, &c.

## General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, June 23.—Auction of S.S. *Propretis* at the Supreme Court House.  
SATURDAY, June 24.—3 p.m.—Completion of the Hongkong Rifle Association.  
Goods per *Salatia* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SUNDAY, June 25.—9 a.m.—Excursion trip by Honam to Macao.  
TUESDAY, June 27.—Goods per *Glazee* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

## Quotations.

HONGKONG, June 20, 1893.

OPIMUM—New Paton, cash, 655/570  
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New Paton, credit, 650  
Allowance, Cattle, 14  
Old Paton, credit, 650/60  
Allowance, Cattle, 3/8  
Perman, Cattle, 450/600  
Allowance, Cattle, 3/5  
Perman, Paper tied 450/60  
Allowance, Cattle, 3/6

## Exchange.

HONGKONG, June 21.

On London, 9/8  
Bank, Wire, 9/8  
On demand, 9/8  
30 days sight, 9/8  
4 months sight, 9/8  
Creditor, 4 months sight, 9/8  
Documentary, 4 months sight, 9/8  
On Paris, 3/37  
On demand, 3/37  
Creditor, 4 months sight, 3/37  
On Berlin—Demand, 2/73  
On New York, 66  
On demand, 66  
Creditor, 60 days sight, 66  
On Bombay, 216  
On demand, 216  
On Calcutta, 216  
Wire, 216  
On demand, 216  
On Shanghai, 718  
On demand, 718  
30 days sight, private paper, 728  
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per ton), 338.00  
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate), 7.30

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been used for any other purpose than that

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## as Loading.

Agents.

Date of Leaving.

June 24, at 3 p.m.

June 26, at 3 p.m.

June 23, at 4 p.m.

June 24, daylight

June 22, at noon

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June 30, at 6 p.m.

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## SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

June 20—

Metapedia, British steamer, 1,454, W.

S. P. Jones, from Hongkong and Paddy.

Arrived, KARBERG &amp; Co.

Ningchow, British steamer, 1,738, H. L.

Allen, from Shanghai via Fooking June 18, and

Amoy 19, for Hongkong and General.

Arrived, KARBERG &amp; Co.

June 21—

Peiyang, German steamer, from Canton.

Yuenyang, British steamer, from Canton.

Amoy June 19, General.—MALAYAN.

Nanyang, German steamer, 1,059, T. F.

W. Schultz, from Shanghai June 17, General.

Arrived, KARBERG &amp; Co.

Garda, German steamer, 2,111, T. Ehlers.

Kobe June 14, General.—SIEMSEN &amp; Co.

Taisang, British steamer, 1,505, H. W. Hogg.

Shanghai June 17, General.—LANDING, MA-

TUSSEN &amp; Co.

Haidan, British steamer, 1,182, F. D.

Goddard, from Hongkong June 18, Amoy 19, and

Gardner, from Hongkong and General.—DOVOLA

SIEMSEN &amp; Co.

Freya, Danish steamer, 357, C. L. Strand.

Pakhoi June 19, and Hobe June 20, General.

Arrived, KARBERG &amp; Co.

Arnold, German steamer, 826, B. Branch.

Sandakan June 16, Timor, Ratan and

General.—SIEMSEN &amp; Co.

Progress, German steamer, 657, J. Jensen.

Hamburg May 1, General.—SIEMSEN &amp; Co.

Arrived, KARBERG &amp; Co.

DEPARTURES.

June 21—

Fushan, for Canton.

Chefoo, for Canton.

Zambesi, for Kobe.

Pha Chai Chien Kiao, for Bangkok.

Triumph, for Hongkong.

Gardner, for Hongkong.

Nanyang, for Canton.

Peiyang, for Swatow.

Zakro, for Amoy.

Folux, for Saigon.

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second ballot still to be decided, but the Government expects to obtain a slight majority through the total defeat of the radicals. Twenty-four Socialists have been elected, and will contest eighty-four seats when the second ballots are taken.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

## PASSED BUREAU CANAL.

OUTWARD BOUND:—Hongkong, May 23; Frigate, Glenlyon, Paterson, 30; Manila, June 2 (2); Cebu, Fyffes, Hebron, Mandar, 6; Branshaw, Monmouth, 1; Patroclus, Fink, 18.

HOMEWARD BOUND:—Canton, May 26; Orestes, Mitropole, June 2; Formosa, Cape, Loring, Radnorshire, 9; Nibbs, Sully, 13.

The P. M. s. s. City of Rio de Janeiro, with American mail of June 1, left Yokohama on Tuesday, June 20, at 4 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Sunday, June 26.

The M. M. Co. s. s. steamship Orestes, with the French Mail of May 26, left Singapore on Wednesday, June 21, at 9 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, June 26. This steamer brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on April 19.

The O. & C. s. s. Empress of India, from Vancouver, left for Hongkong on Tuesday, June 20, at 10 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, June 26.

The P. M. Co. s. s. steamship City of New York, with mail, etc., left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama on June 8.

The Northern Pacific s. s. Tacoma left Victoria, B. C., for Hongkong, via Japan on June 10.

The O. & C. s. s. Celtic, with mail, etc., left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama, on June 17.

The Union Line s. s. Argos, from Hamburg, etc., left Singapore on June 15, and may be expected here on or about June 21.

The O. & C. s. s. Telamachus left Singapore on June 15, and may be expected here on or about June 21.

The China Mutual s. s. Kinkad, from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore on June 17, and may be expected here on or about June 22.

The s. s. Arcton, from Calcutta, etc., left Singapore for this port on June 17, and may be expected here on or about June 24.

The O. & C. s. s. steamship Palmyra left Singapore on June 20, and may be expected here on or about June 26.

The E. & A. S. S. Co. s. s. Osterlin left Port Darwin for this port, via Timor, on June 16.

The N. G. L. s. s. Barinda left Bombay for this port on June 10, and may be expected here on or about June 28.

The P. & O. s. s. Alinda left London for this port on the 28th May.

The O. & C. s. s. steamship Palmyra left Singapore yesterday afternoon, and may be expected here on or about the 26th inst.

The O. & C. P. R. s. s. Empress of China arrived at Kobe at 9.30 p.m. yesterday, and left again at 11.30 a.m. to-day for Vancouver, via Yokohama.

The O. & C. P. R. s. s. Empress of India, from Vancouver, arrived at Kobe at 4.30 p.m. yesterday, and left again at 11.30 a.m. to-day for Hongkong, via Nagasaki and Shanghai.

To-day at the Magistrate's Office. The inquiry into the fatal accident at the China Merchants' Office. The inquiry is adjourned till next Tuesday.

Another special excursion will be run to Macao on Sunday next by the steamer Honan, leaving Hongkong at 9 a.m. and Macao at 11 p.m. The religious procession and fancy fair postponed from last Sunday will be held.

The Orestes, with the French Mail of the 26th May, left Singapore on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at 9 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 26th inst. This steamer brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on April 19th.

At the Magistrate's Office to-day Mr. Wodehouse concluded an inquiry into the circumstances under which a coolie was killed in a quarry on Po-tai-lam Road on 16th inst. While the man was working some debris fell from a stone fall and crushed his head. Mr. Wodehouse found that death resulted from accidental causes.

Yesterday afternoon an accident occurred at 22 and 23 Praya West, resulting in the death of one man and the injury of another. The house was occupied as the office of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company. About four o'clock, shortly before the close of the office for the day, the roof fell in causing the lower portion of the building to collapse. So far as has been ascertained only one clerk, Cheong Hok Cheung, the son of the manager, was killed, a coolie escaping with a superficial cut on the head. Immediately upon the accident being reported at the Central Police Station, a number of constables turned out to the work of rescue. Chief Inspector Matheson directed their operations, and upon removing a large quantity of debris they found the body of Cheong Hok Cheung, whose neck had apparently been broken. Deceased was twenty years of age. It is fortunate the building did not collapse during the busiest part of the day when the whole staff was on the premises besides a large number of customers. An inquiry will be held, but it is unlikely to reveal anything beyond the fact that the building is an old one and that the accident is one more instance of the devastating power of white ants.

Mr. A. H. Rennie, at present correspondence clerk in the Public Works Department, has been appointed Acting Secretary to the Sanitary Board and Acting Sanitary Superintendent during the absence on leave of Mr. Hugh McCallum.

The visit of the London Lyric Company is brought to a close to-night. Our Boys will be played for the benefit of Miss Ethel Arden and Miss Marie Brian, both of whom have shown themselves to be talented actresses. The Lyric Company, owing to their return visit having been made in the warm season, have not had the same patronage which characterized their first visit, but considering that to-night's performance is for the benefit of two of the most popular members of the troupe and that special attractions have been put in the bill, there ought to be a full house. This will be the last opportunity for a considerable time of seeing La-ra-boom-de-ay.

The rumors in circulation in town yesterday that M. Pavie, the French Minister to Siam, had been assassinated at Bangkok are absolutely without foundation. No information to that effect has been received at the French Consulate, and it is supposed that the rumor gained currency from a misconception of the news brought by the Haiphong newspapers of the assassination of Inspector Groggins and 18 men at Kem-Kela. Such an important affair as the murder or even an attempt at murder of the French Minister would have been followed up by the most decisive action of the French Government, and information to that effect would have reached Hongkong ere now. It appears that the French Squadron which left Hongkong on Monday did not leave for Bangkok, but for Saigon, whence it was sent upon receipt of a telegram from Paris. After going to Saigon, the Squadron would go on to Bangkok, where there are already seven cruisers or gun-boats, besides a flotilla of armed river steamers.

A correspondent sends us the following, and we give it for what it is worth:—

"The ravages worked by white ants in tropical countries, especially in the south of China, is a subject that ought to interest everyone, and landlords in particular. Up to the present I have heard of nothing that will destroy these house pests. Coal-tar can only prevent their attack on woodwork for a certain time, but there is nothing which will absolutely exterminate them, whereas, once they get hold of a building, they migrate from one part of the house to another with wonderful rapidity. The following recipe, while being of interest to house-owners, may not be generally known. Get a stick of sugar-cane and cut it into pieces of about an inch in length, put these during the night, covered with an earthenware basin, in the places where you suspect the presence of white ants, and in the morning you will find them in a cluster busily eating away the sugar-cane. But before you disturb them, get a tin dust-pan or a sheet of tin, warm it as hot as you can, go and sweep them into it, thus securing their total destruction by burning them. By repeating the process every night you will kill the last of them in a very short time. The only drawback now is that you cannot get sugar-cane all the year round, particularly in summer, when white ants seem to be more active in their work. Try it when you can, and you will not repent, and if successful give your confirmation for the benefit of others. I have seen it done with immense success.—B."

The Sanitary Board will meet to-morrow. The following is the Order of the Day:—

Application for compensation for alleged damage to clothing during the process of disinfecting them.

Agenda.—1. Letters from the Honourable Colonial Secretary informing the Board of the appointment of a President, Vice-President, and Secretary. 2. Mortality Returns for the week ended the 10th inst. 3. A letter from Mr. H. L. Denys, Mayor of Pootung, in May 1893. 4. A letter from Mr. H. L. Denys, Mayor of Pootung, in May 1893. 5. A letter from Mr. H. L. Denys, Mayor of Pootung, in May 1893. 6. A letter from Mr. H. L. Denys, Mayor of Pootung, in May 1893. 7. A letter from Mr. H. L. Denys, Mayor of Pootung, in May 1893. 8. A letter from Mr. H. L. Denys, Mayor of Pootung, in May 1893. 9. A letter from Mr. H. L. Denys, Mayor of Pootung, in May 1893. 10. A letter from Mr. H. L. Denys, Mayor of Pootung, in May 1893. 11. A letter from Mr. H. L. Denys, Mayor of Pootung, in May 1893. 12. A letter from Mr. H. L. Denys, Mayor of Pootung, in May 1893. 13. A letter from Mr. H. L. Denys, Mayor of Pootung, in May 1893. 14. A letter from Mr. H. L. Denys, Mayor of Pootung, in May 1893. 15. 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